Repair of N.H. 17

1857. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the portion of National Highway No. 17 between Negothane and Mahad is virtually non existing due to heavy patches etc., if so, what is the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that commuter on the road and citizens around this area have threatened the Government to launch an agitation as this has been an annual feature; and

(c) what is the total amount allocated for repairs/improvement/development of this stretch of National Highway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) No, Sir. National Highway No. 17 is maintained in traffic worthy condition within the funds available.

(c) For repairs and improvement/ development of National Highways, the amount is allocated for the State as a whole and not for individual stretches of National Highways.

Declaration of New National Highways in Gujarat

1858. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposals for declaring New National Highways in Gujarat State;

(b) which roads will be declared National Highway in Gujarat during Eighth Five Year Plans; and

(c) by when such roads are to be declared as National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Owing to meagre allocation earmarked under the Central Sector Roads Programme in the 8th Five Year Plan, it is not possible to declare new National Highway in any State including Gujarat at present.

Widening of Vadodara-Maharashtra National Highway

1859. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the four laning of Vadodara-Maharashtra border section of NH-8 is being envisaged in the near future by Government;

(b) what is the likely stretch of 4 laning that can be taken up in the 8th Five Year Plan as per present indication of funds available;

(c) how many KMs would then remain two laned; and

(d) what traffic in terms of CVD & PCU would these two laned section be catering to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Provision for 4 laning of 69 km. length in stretches between Vadodara-Gujarat/Maharashtra border section is made in the Eighth Five Year Plan.

(c) 108 km. would still remain two-lane.

(d) The traffic on two-lane sections in terms of CVD and PCU/day is of the order of 11700 and 43200 respectively.

Securing foreign Loans by Shipping Companies

1860. MISS. SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently approved a scheme to permit the Indian

shipping companies to secure loans from foreign sources by mortgaging their ships; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The Indian Shipping companies are already availing of loans offered by Foreign Financial Institutions for acquisition of ships against mortgage of Indian ships.

राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों पर होने वाली दुर्घटनाओं के बारे में केन्द्रीय सड़क अनुसंधान संस्थान की रिपोर्ट

1861. **श्री सतीश प्रधान:** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों पर होने वाली दुर्घटनाओं के संबंध में केन्द्रीय सड़क अनुसंधान संस्थान, नई दिल्ली से कोई रिपोर्ट प्राप्त हुई है;

(ख) केन्द्रीय सड़क अनुसंधान संस्थान द्वारा दुर्घटनाओं को रोकने या उनसे बचने के लिए की गई सिफारिशों का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) "हेड लाइट ग्लास" के कारण हुई दुर्घटनाओं की कुल संख्या क्या है; और

(घ) क्या सरकार मोटर यान अधिनियम में उपयुक्त संशोधन करके इन सिफारिशों को लागू करने का विचार रखती है?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) से (घ): प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Damages to the National Highway

1862. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3063 given in the Rajya Sabha on 18th August, 1993 and state:

(a) whether Government have received the complete details regarding damage caused by the flood in the Beas River to Mandi-Rohtang Pass section of the National Highway and also the estimates for repairs; and

(b) if so, when the same were received and what amount have been provided for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The road in question is National Highway only upto Manali. The Manali-Rohtang Pass section of this road which is not a National Highway, is being maintained by Border Roads Organisation. Flood damage repair estimates amounting to Rs. 768.00 lakhs have been received in October and November, 1993. An amount of Rs. 100 lakhs has so far been released.

Busses to Brij Vihar From Kendriya Terminal and Madras Hotel

1863. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of routes originating from the Kendriya Terminal and Madras Hotel at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is no direct bus service from Kendriya Terminal and Madras Hotel to Brij Vihar, Ghaziabad, U.P. just near to Vivek Vihar area;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to introduce any direct bus service from Central Secretariat and Madras Hotel to Brij Vihar, in vew of the tremendous increase in the number of commuters towards that direction; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, what are the reasons therefor together with the detils of alternative arrangements likely to be made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH